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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/724,822

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For: METHODS OF TREATING LUPUS  
BASED ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY  
AND SCREENING METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.